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## Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 46/182 of 19 December 1991 and the guiding principles contained in its annex, other relevant General Assembly and Economic and Social Council resolutions and agreed conclusions 1998/1 of the humanitarian affairs segment of the substantive session of 1998 of the Council,[1]

*Noting* the decision by the Economic and Social Council to hold further consultations on ways and means to strengthen the role of the Council by enhancing its work in the humanitarian field,

*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary General,[2]

*Welcoming* the progress made by the Emergency Relief Coordinator and the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs in strengthening the coordination of humanitarian assistance of the United Nations,

[1] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 3* and corrigendum and addendum (A/53/3 and Corr.1 and Add.1), chap. VII, para. 5.

[2] A/54/154-E/1999/94 and Add.1.

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*Noting* the efforts made by the Emergency Relief Coordinator and the members of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee to implement fully the recommendations set forth in agreed conclusions 1998/1,

1. *Welcomes* the second humanitarian affairs segment of the Economic and Social Council held during its substantive session of 1999 and agreed conclusions 1999/1 adopted at that session;[3]

2. *Calls upon* relevant organizations of the United Nations system, other relevant international organizations, Governments and non-governmental organizations to cooperate with the Secretary-General and the Emergency Relief Coordinator to ensure timely implementation of and follow-up to agreed conclusions 1999/1;

3. *Emphasizes* the importance of discussion of humanitarian policies and activities in the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council;

4. *Invites* the Economic and Social Council to continue to consider ways to further enhance the humanitarian affairs segment of future sessions of the Council;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, early in the year 2000, concrete proposals on how to enhance the functioning and utilization of the Central Emergency Revolving Fund, including, as necessary, amendments to its terms of reference;

6. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session, through the 2000 substantive session of the Economic and Social Council, on the strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations, including the implementation of and follow-up to agreed conclusions 1999/1.

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[3] See A/54/3 and Add.1, chap. VI, para. 5.